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- 4.Local Exchange Service (Cont'd)
 - 4.5 <u>Lifeline Service Program.</u> (Cont'd)

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- 4.5.1 <u>Lifeline Service Program.</u> (Cont'd)
 - 4.5.1.1 Provision of Lifeline Service. (Cont'd)
 - Disconnection of Service.

<u>Disconnection prohibition.</u> Participating telecommunications carriers may not disconnect Lifeline Service for non-payment of toll charges.

<u>Discontinuance of Lifeline Discounts for customers automatically enrolled.</u> The eligibility period for automatically enrolled customers is the length of their enrollment in THHSC benefits plus a period of 60 days

for renewal. Automatically enrolled customers will have an opportunity to renew their THHSC benefits or self enroll with LIDA upon the expiration of their automatic enrollment.

<u>Discontinuance of Lifeline Discounts for customers who have self-enrolled.</u> Individuals not receiving benefits through THHSC programs, but who have met Lifeline income qualifications in subsection 4.5 of this section, are eligible to receive the Lifeline Discount for seven months, which includes a period of 60 days during which the customer may renew their eligibility with LIDA for an additional seven months.

Service Deposit Prohibition. If the qualifying low-income customer
voluntarily elects toll blocking from the participating telecommunications
carrier, the carrier may not collect a service deposit pursuant to §26.24 of
this title (relating to Credit Requirements and Deposits) in order to
initiate Lifeline Service.

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4.Local Exchange Service (Cont'd)

4.5 <u>Lifeline Service Program.</u> (Cont'd)

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4.5.2Lifeline Support.

- 4.5.2.1 <u>Lifeline support amounts.</u> Lifeline support amounts per qualifying low-income customer shall be provided to participating telecommunications carriers pursuant to Title 47, Code of Federal Regulations, §54.403 (relating to Lifeline Support Amount) and according to any applicable provisions of the Guide. Tribal Land discounts will be provided pursuant to Title 47, code of Federal Regulations, §54.403.
 - <u>Lifeline Service Discounts.</u> The Company shall grant qualifying low-income consumers support of \$9.25 per month or equal to the support amount as directed by the Federal Communications Commission in Chapter 47 of the Code of Federal Regulations regarding Lifeline Support.

Additional state reduction. A participating telecommunications carrier shall give a qualifying low-income customer the following:

an additional state-approved reduction of up to a maximum of \$3.50 in the monthly amount of intrastate charges.

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- 4.Local Exchange Service (Cont'd)
 - 4.5 Lifeline Service Program. (Cont'd)

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- 4.5.2 Lifeline Support. (Cont'd)
 - 4.5.2.2 Recovery of support amounts. Participating telecommunications carriers shall be entitled to recover the support amount required by the C.F.R, §54.101 pursuant to C.F.R., §54.407 (relating to Reimbursement for offering Lifeline). The support amount described in subparagraph "Additional state reduction ..." of this paragraph can be recovered through the Texas Universal Service Fund (TUSF).
- 4.5.3 RESERVED FOR FUTURE USE

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- 4.Local Exchange Service (Cont'd)
 - 4.5 Lifeline Service Program (Cont'd)

4.5.3 RESERVED FOR FUTURE USE

4.5.4 Obligations of the customer and the participating telecommunications carrier.

4.5.4.1 Obligations of the customer. Customers who meet the low-income requirement for qualification but do not receive benefits under the programs listed in subsection 4.5 of this section may provide the LIDA with self-enrollment for Lifeline Service benefits. Customers receiving benefits under the programs listed in subsection 4.5 of this section and who have telephone service will be subject to the Lifeline automatic enrollment procedures as provided by the LIDA pursuant to the terms of the Guide unless they provide the LIDA with a request to be excluded from Lifeline Service. Customers receiving benefits under the programs listed in subsection 4.5 of this section who do not have telephone service must initiate a request for service from a participating telecommunications carrier providing local service in their area.

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4.5 <u>Lifeline Service Program</u> (Cont'd)

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- 4.5.4 Obligations of the customer and the participating telecommunications carrier. (Cont'd)
 - 4.5.4.2 Obligation of the participating telecommunications carrier.
 - Lifeline Service.

A participating telecommunications carrier shall provide Lifeline Service to all eligible customers identified by the LIDA within its service area in accordance with this section and the Guide.

- A participating telecommunications carrier shall identify those customers on the initial database provided by the LIDA to whom it is providing telephone service and shall begin reduced billing for those qualifying low-income customers in accordance with the terms of the Guide.
- The eligible customer shall not be charged for changes in telephone service arrangements that are made in order to qualify for Lifeline Service, or for service order charges associated with transferring the account into Lifeline Service. If the eligible customer changes the telephone service or initiates new service, the participating telecommunications carrier shall begin reduced billing at the time the change of service becomes effective or at the time new service is established.

Upon receipt of the monthly update provided by the LIDA pursuant to the terms of the Guide a participating telecommunications carrier shall begin reduced billing for those qualifying low-income customers subscribing to services within the timeframe established by the Guide.

The LIDA shall provide a self-enrollment form by direct mail at the customer's request. The LIDA shall maintain customers' self-enrollment forms and provide a database of self-enrolling customers to all participating telecommunications carriers.

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4.Local Exchange Service (Cont'd)

4.5 <u>Lifeline Service Program</u> (Cont'd)

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4.5.5 Notice of Lifeline Service.

A participating telecommunications carrier shall provide notice of Lifeline Service in any directory it distributes to its customers and shall provide an annual bill message advising customers of the availability of Lifeline Service.

In any instance where the carrier provides bilingual (English and Spanish) information in its directory and annual bill messages, the carrier must also provide its notice regarding Lifeline Service in a bilingual format.

4.5.6Confidentiality agreements.

Participating telecommunications carriers must execute a confidentiality agreement with THHSC pursuant to the terms of the Guide prior to receiving the LIDA's eligibility database. The agreement will specify that client information is released by THHSC to carriers for the sole purpose of providing Lifeline Service to eligible customers and that the information cannot be released by the carrier or used by the carrier for any other purpose.

4.5.7Opportunity for contest.

- A customer who believes that their self-enrollment application has been erroneously denied may request that LIDA review the application, and the customer may submit additional information as proof of eligibility.
- A customer who is dissatisfied with LIDA's action following a request for review under the preceding subparagraph of this subsection may request an informal hearing to be conducted by the commission staff.
- A customer dissatisfied with the determination after an informal hearing under the preceding subparagraph of this subsection may file a formal complaint pursuant to §22.242(e) of this title (relating to Complaints).

4.5.8Low-Income Discount Procedural Guide.

In the event of conflicts between the language of the Guide and the language of §26.412 (relating to Lifeline Service Program), §26.412 shall prevail.

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June 22, 2015

Marlene H. Dortch Secretary Federal Communication Commission Washington, DC 20554

Re:

WC Docket No. 14-58, Annual Report, Form 481 for High-Cost Recipient 54.313(f)(1) "Milestone Certification"

Dear Ms. Dortch:

In compliance with the Commission's rules pursuant to 54.313(f)(1) relating to the filing of Form 481, La Ward Telephone Exchange, Inc., SAC - 442103, wishes to certify to the Commission that the Company:

Has taken reasonable steps to provide upon reasonable request broadband service at actual speeds of 4 Mbps downstream/1 Mbps upstream, with latency suitable for real-time applications including Voice over Internet Protocol, and usage capacity that is reasonably comparable to reasonably comparable offerings in urban areas and, that reasonable requests for such service are met within a reasonable amount of time.

If you have any questions, I may be contacted at 36I-872-2211.

Sincerely,

Terri Parker

General Manager

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LA WARD TELEPHONE EXCHANGE, INC. - SAC 442103

FCC Form 481 - Program Year 2016

Line 3012

Community Anchor Instituions - §54.313(f)(1)(ii)

La Ward Telephone Exchange, Inc.'s ("La Ward" or "the Company") did not provide any newly provided Community Anchor Institutions for this report for the preceding year because the Community Anchor Institutions were already served prior to 2014.

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coording to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, an agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number. The valid NMB control number for this information collection is 0572-0031. The time required to complete this information collection is estimated to average 4 hours per response, including the time for reviewing instructions,

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ASSETS	PRIOR TEAR	END OF PERIOD	CURRENT LIABILITIES	-	PRIOR YEAR	END OF PERIOD	
CORNENT ASSETS				î			
1. Cash and Equivalents	-	1	25. Accounts Payable				
2. Cash-RUS Construction Fund			26. Notes Payable				
3. Affiliates;			27. Advance Billings and Payments				
a. Telecom, Accounts Receivable	-[28. Customer Deposits			-	
b. Other Accounts Receivable	-		29. Current Mat. L/T Debt				
c. Notes Receivable	· ·		30. Current Mat. L/T Debt-Rur. Dev.				
4. Non-Affiliates:			31. Current MatCapital Leases	-			
a. Telecom, Accounts Receivable	-		32. Income Taxes Accrued				
b. Other Accounts Receivable			33. Other Taxes Accrued				
c. Notes Receivable	ļ.		34. Other Current Liabilities				
Interest and Dividends Receivable	-		35. Total Current Liabilities (25 thru 34)				
Material-Regulated			LONG-TERM DEBT	Ä			
7. Material-Nonregulated	4		36. Funded Debt-RUS Notes	-			
8. Prepayments	-		37. Funded Debt-RTB Notes	\rightarrow			
9. Other Current Assets	ļ		38. Funded Debt-FFB Notes				
0. Total Current Assets (1 Thru 9)			39. Funded Debt-Other				
IONCURRENT ASSETS			40. Funded Debt-Rural Develop, Loan				
Investment in Affiliated Companies	4		41. Premium (Discount) on L/T Debt				
a. Rural Development	ļ		42. Reacquired Debt				
b. Nonrural Development			43. Obligations Under Capital Lease	_			
2. Other Investments			44. Adv. From Affiliated Companies				
a, Rural Development	8		45. Other Long-Term Debt				
b. Nonrural Development			46. Total Long-Term Debt (36 thru 45)	$-\parallel$			
Nonregulated Investments			OTHER LIAB. & DEF. CREDITS	1			
Other Noncurrent Assets			47. Other Long-Term Liabilities				
5. Deferred Charges			48. Other Deferred Credits				
Jurisdictional Differences			49. Other Jurisdictional Differences				
7. Total Noncurrent Assets (11 thru 16)			50. Total Other Liabilities and Deferred Credits (47 thru 49)				
LANT, PROPERTY, AND EQUIPMENT			EQUITY	H			
8. Telecom, Plant-in-Service	į.		51. Cap. Stock Outstand. & Subscribed				
Property Held for Future Use			52. Additional Paid-in-Capital				
0, Plant Under Construction			53. Treasury Stock				
1. Plant Adj., Nonop. Plant & Goodwill			54. Membership and Cap. Certificates				
2. Less Accumulated Depreciation			55. Other Capital				
3. Net Plant (18 thru 21 less 22)			56. Patronage Capital Credits				
4. TOTAL ASSETS (10+17+23)	9		57. Retained Earnings or Margins				
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PART B. STATEMENTS OF INCOME AND RETAINED EARNINGS OR MARGINS

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⊢	PART B. STATEMENTS OF MODIME AND RETAINED EARNING		
	ITEM	PRIOR YEAR	THIS YEAR
_	Local Network Services Revenues		
2.	Network Access Services Revenues		
3.	Long Distance Network Services Revenues		
4.	Carrier Billing and Collection Revenues		
5.	Miscellaneous Revenues		
6.	Uncollectible Revenues		
7.	Net Operating Revenues (1 thru 5 less 6)		
8.	Plant Specific Operations Expense		
9.	Plant Nonspecific Operations Expense (Excluding Depreciation & Amortization)		
10.	Depreciation Expense		
11.	Amortization Expense		
12.	Customer Operations Expense		
13.	Corporate Operations Expense		
14.	Total Operating Expenses (8 thru 13)		
15.	Operating Income or Margins (7 less 14)		j
16.	Other Operating Income and Expenses		
17.	State and Local Taxes		
18.	Federal Income Taxes		
19.	Other Taxes		
20.	Total Operating Taxes (17+18+19)		
21.	Net Operating Income or Margins (15+16-20)		
22.	Interest on Funded Debt		
23.	Interest Expense - Capital Leases		
24.	Other Interest Expense		
25.	Allowance for Funds Used During Construction		
26.	Total Fixed Charges (22+23+24-25)		
27.	Nonoperating Net Income		
28.	Extraordinary Items		
29.	Jurisdictional Differences		
30.	Nonregulated Net Income		
31.	Total Net Income or Margins (21+27+28+29+30-26)		
32.	Total Taxes Based on Income		
33.	Retained Earnings or Margins Beginning-of-Year		
34.	Miscellaneous Credits Year-to-Date		
35.	Dividends Declared (Common)		
36.	Dividends Declared (Preferred)		
37.	Other Debits Year-to-Date		
38.	Transfers to Patronage Capital		
39.	Retained Earnings or Margins End-of-Period [(31+33+34) - (35+36+37+38)]		
40.	Patronage Capital Beginning-of-Year		i i
41.	Transfers to Patronage Capital		
42.	Patronage Capital Credits Retired		l i
43.	Patronage Capital End-of-Year (40+41-42)		
44.	Annual Debt Service Payments		
45.	Cash Ratio [(14+20-10-11) / 7]		
	Operating Accrual Ratio [(14+20+26) / 7]	j	
	TIER [(31+26) / 26]		
48.	DSCR [(31+26+10+11) / 44]		

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	1. RA	ATES	2. SUBSCRIBERS (ACCESS LINES)			3. ROUTE MILES		
EXCHANGE	B-1 (a)	R-1 (b)	BUSINESS (a)	RESIDENTIAL (b)	TOTAL (c)	TOTAL (including fiber) (a)	FIBER (b)	
LaWard								
Lolita								
Port Alto								
MobileWireless								
Route Mileage Outside Exchange								
Area								
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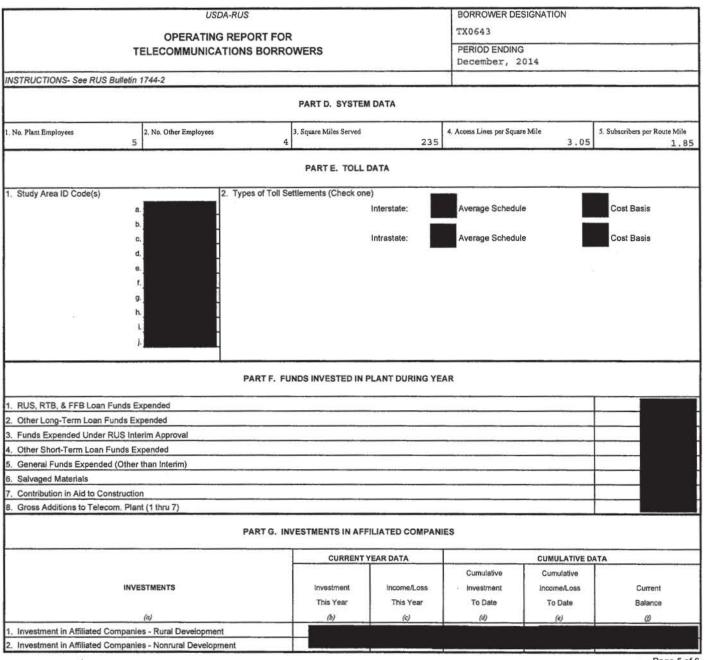
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			4. B	ROADBAND SERV	CE		- Water	
				Details	on Least Exper	sive Broadband S	ervice	120
EXCHANGE	No. Access Lines with BB available (a)	No Of Broadband Subscribers (b)	Number Of Subscribers (c)	Advertised Download Rate (Kbps) (d)	Advertised Upload Rate (Kbps) (e)	Price Per Month (f)	Standalone/Pckg	Type Of Technology (g)
LaWard								
Lolita								
Port Alto								
Total								



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H	PART H. CURRENT	DEPRECIATION RATES				
Г	Are corporation's depreciation rates approved by the regulatory authority with jurisdiction over the provision of telephone services? (Check one)		X	YES		NO
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	EQUIPMENT CATEGORY		1	DEPREC	IATION R	ATE
1.	Land and support assets - Motor Vehicles					
2.	Land and support assets - Aircraft					
3.	Land and support assets - Special purpose vehicles					
4.	Land and support assets - Garage and other work equipment					
5.	Land and support assets - Buildings					
6.	Land and support assets - Furniture and Office equipment					
7.	Land and support assets - General purpose computers					
8.	Central Office Switching - Digital					
9.	Central Office Switching - Analog & Electro-mechanical					
10.	Central Office Switching - Operator Systems					
11.						
_	Central Office Transmission - Circuit equipment					
	Information origination/termination - Station apparatus					
-	Information origination/termination - Customer premises wiring					
_	Information origination/termination - Large private branch exchange					
16.	Information origination/termination - Public telephone terminal equip	ment				
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_	Cable and wire facilities - Poles					
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